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Animal Fact Sheet

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Ghost catfish

Kryptopterus vitreolus

The ghost catfish, also known as the glass catfish, is a small freshwater fish famous for its almost completely transparent body, which allows its internal organs and spine to be visibly seen. Native…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Siluridae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers and streams
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 3-8 years
Weight: 2-5 grams
Scientific name: Kryptopterus vitreolus

Did you know?

- Despite their eerie appearance, ghost catfish are completely harmless and often used as bioindicators for water quality in their native habitats.
- Ghost catfish are virtually see-through, making them one of the most transparent vertebrates. They rely on their lateral line system to navigate murk…

What I learned

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